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# News

# UPDATE



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Parmy Billings Library will be loaded on the Dynix system.

## PERSONAL NOTES

Harold Boyer is the new Library Director at the Montana Tech of the University of Montana.

## MONTANA NEWS

**THE WILLIAM K. KOHRS MEMORIAL LIBRARY** has been awarded grants of \$50,000 from the Steele-Reese Foundation and \$5,000 from the Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation for its \$362,500 access, expansion, and restoration project. Volunteers have raised over \$351,000 in three years, including a \$95,000 LSCA grant this year and over \$140,000 locally to renovate the library.

**FEDERATION COORDINATORS REPORT TO STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION:** The Coordinators met August 8 and elected Delores Drennen as spokesperson for the coming year. They also reappointed Debbie Schlesinger to another year term as Federation representative on the LSCA Advisory Council.

They urged the Commission to consider the response of the library community to the proposed changes to the Federations. Questions were raised about the depth of support from other library constituencies such as academic and school libraries since no letters have been forthcoming from these groups.

The Coordinators asked that the Commission clarify both the charge to the task forces and the confusion between the role of the task forces and the proposed districts. There is particular confusion about statewide policy versus local control and policies.

**Pathfinder Federation:** Verna Nichola is the new librarian at Belt Public Library. The Glacier County Library's budget was cut \$17,500. The Great Falls Public Library was awarded \$63,000 for ADA improvements. The Havre-Hill County Library received a \$29,000 grant for literacy programming. They plan to set up mobile recruitment centers in different places around Havre. A coordinator will be hired.

**South Central Federation:** A decision has been made in Lewistown by an arbitrator on the suit of the former library director. His claim was not upheld. The Library Board hired Janice Bradley to be the new Library Director at Lewistown Public Library.

The Last Copy Fiction Pool holdings at

**Tamarack Federation:** The Friends of the Missoula Public Library have purchased a satellite dish for them. They plan to host video continuing education programs for library staff and trustees.

**STATE LIBRARY:** On August 24, 1994 the recently remodeled recording studios were dedicated at the Montana Talking Book Library. Governor Marc Racicot and Bill West, Audio Book Specialist from the Library of Congress/National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Washington, D.C. were the featured speakers. Mr. West designed the studios and acted as a consultant during the construction. Diana Boom and Peggy Guthrie attended representing the Commission. The entire cost of project was supplied from a donation made by the Hazel Chamberlain Trust.

The studios are used to record books about Montana and by Montana authors. There is also a recording program at the Montana State Prison where 16 inmates record 'Montana' books. A total of 306 books have been recorded under the two programs since 1981.

The October 18th Commission retreat has been canceled. The regular meeting set for October 19th, originally scheduled in Choteau, will be held at the State Library. A Commission retreat is tentatively scheduled in conjunction with the February Commission meeting.

ILL reimbursements per MCA 22-1-328 were distributed in August for the final quarter of FY94. The reimbursement rate was adjusted to \$3.7571 per transaction based on the number of requests received. The rate of reimbursement for the first three quarters of FY94 will be \$3.90 per transaction.

The State Library Commission took action in August to approve the LSCA FY94 Update to the Long Range Program and the Annual Program. They approved priorities for FY96 LSCA grants, accepting these motions from the Library Services Advisory Council:

- Commit FY96 LSCA funds to make Internet, electronic and technological access available to all Montana libraries.
- The priority for FY96 Title I and III LSCA funding be technological access.
- The priority for FY96 Title II LSCA funds will be \$100,000 devoted to construction, and for all remaining and/or carryover funds the priority will be technological access.

They also approved a three-year calendar for the LSCA process designed by staff to bring all LSCA-related planning and reporting into the proper timeframes.

The Statewide Collection Development Committee has established its priorities for FY95. They will distribute a two-page guide to libraries next month about making good selection decisions on what resources to list on a shared database. A second goal is to draft criteria for a Montana Collection Development Honor Roll to recognize those libraries which are contributing to the statewide database. Other committee projects include gathering data on the unique and uncataloged materials available in Montana; and analyzing information already available about Montana's collections and preparing a State of the State's Collection report, which will be presented to the State Library Commission in February.

Barbara Brazington was hired as a full time Reference Librarian; she began work on June 27, 1994.

The 1995 Family Reading Program committee has been established. Members are: June Atkins, Barbara Bruno, Nancy Debarathy, Carolyn Meier, Phyllis Mitchell, Shelda Seidel, Connie Thompson, Marilyn Trospier, and Gaye Walter.

**MAILOUTS TO LIBRARIES:** All public libraries in the U.S. received a boxed collection of publications related to the Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA], provided under a joint project of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies [COSLA] and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Researchers at the Rural Institute on Disabilities located on the University of Montana campus have developed a collection called "Get the Whole Story." It is 40 books and magazines that can answer a wide spectrum of questions about disability. The collection costs about \$500. It contains the most up-to-date information. So far, the books have been placed in Miles City, Havre, and Plains. Contact Ann Szalda-Petree at the Rural Institute [406]243-5467 for a list of books and funding suggestions.

The State Agency Librarians Round Table produced a report entitled, "Electronic Information Access: Montana's Gateway to the Future," which was mailed to all Montana academic libraries, to public library headquarters, and to all candidates and incumbents for the State Legislature. The Montana Health Care Authority reports that it distributed the updated and revised discussion draft of its publication, Statewide Universal

Health Care Access Plans for Single Payer System & Regulated Multiple Payer System to libraries in Montana. Finally, copies of the full recommendations of the Task Force to Renew State Government were sent to all public libraries. The Task Force recommendations for the State Library include working with libraries statewide on economic development, and a public library representative on the State Library Commission.

## NATIONAL NEWS

LIBRARY JOURNAL publishes an architectural issue every December. They need information on library construction projects by October 3rd for inclusion in this publication. If you had activity in your library which falls into one of these categories, please contact Mary Jane West, 444-3384, by September 27th:

1. Library construction that was completed between July 1, 1993 and the present;
2. A public referendum for the purpose of financing capital improvements for a public library building between July 1, 1993 and June 30, 1994;
3. A public referendum for the purpose of financing the operation of a public library between July 1, 1993 and June 30, 1994.

## LIFE "PARTNERS IN PREVENTION"

PROGRAM from the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information is offering substance abuse prevention information to thousands of library patrons across the nation. To join, you must maintain an ongoing display or permanent shelf with prevention materials that can be obtained free from the Clearinghouse. Contact: Patricia Scott, Senior Social Marketing Specialist, 1-800-729-6686.

CSAP IN CYBERSPACE: Alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention resources are now available electronically. With a computer, a modem, and a phone line, the public can now access the resources of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention's [CSAP] National

Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information. Instant access is available through PREVline [PREVENTion on-line], an electronic communication system dedicated to exchanging ideas and information concerning alcohol, tobacco, and other drug problem prevention.

PREVline can be accessed via the Internet (path:telnet [ncadl.health.org/](http://ncadl.health.org/) then press the enter key/User-id: new) or by direct dial-up (telephone [301]770-0850, User-id: new). Access is available from almost anywhere in the world, 24 hours a day.

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

PLA AWARDS The Public Library Association [PLA] has awards and opportunities to honor public librarians - and public libraries - for their outstanding achievements. The application deadline is December 1, 1994. Awards include:

- Advancement of Literacy Award
- Allie Beth Martin Award
- Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Library Service Award
- Leonard Wertheimer Multilingual Award
- Library Video Award
- National Achievement Citation
- New Leaders Travel Grant

Contact: Don Wood, Award Committees Staff Liaison, PLA 1-800-545-2433x507

NOMINATIONS are being sought by the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for the 1994 Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award. The award acknowledges individuals or groups which have furthered the cause of intellectual freedom, particularly as it impacts libraries and information centers and the dissemination of ideas. The award may be in recognition of a particular action or long-term interest in, and dedication to, the cause of intellectual freedom.

Letters of nomination and documentation about the nominee should be sent by October 1, 1994 to Dean Leigh Estabrook, Graduate School of Library and Information Science,

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 501 E. Daniel Street, Champaign, IL 61820. Electronic submissions or inquiries may be sent to [rbdowns@uiuc.edu](mailto:rbdowns@uiuc.edu).

## CALENDAR

- Sept. 24 Broad Valleys Federation Meeting in Drummond
- Sept. 25 - Oct. 2 Banned Books Week
- Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 MLA Academic and Special Libraries Retreat
- Oct. 5 Glendive Collection Assessment Workshop
- Oct. 7 Tamarack Federation Meeting in Kalispell
- Oct. 7 Billings Collection Assessment Workshop
- Oct. 13 Sagebrush Federation Meeting in Miles City
- Oct. 14 Born to Read application deadline
- Oct. 15-18 COSLA and Western Council meetings - Oklahoma City
- Oct. 19 State Library Commission - Helena
- Oct. 27 Pathfinder Federation Meeting in Great Falls
- Oct. 27-30 Joint Mountain Plains/Nevada Library Association Conference in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Contact Sharon Scott at 702-784-4578
- Nov. 3-4 SLA's State-of-the-Art Institute - "A New Frontier: the National Information Infrastructure," in Washington D.C. focusing on such issues as federal legislation, regulatory developments, business initiatives, and technological innovations. Call [202]234-4700x616.
- Nov. 9-13 American Association of School Librarians Seventh National Conference "Shape the Vision: Focus on Learning," Call [800]545-2433x4389.
- Nov. 12 Night of 100 Dinners - Missoula Public Library
- Nov. 16 National Young Reader's Day
- Nov. 18 Advisory Council Meeting

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